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SUBJECT: SOUTHERN SUDAN - TRANSITION FROM RELIEF TO
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1. DEPARTMENT FULLY CONCURS IN DESIRABILITY AVOIDING
HIATUS BETWEEN UNHCR AND UNDP PROGRAMS AND IS TAKING
ACTION (A) REQUESTED. WE ASSUME THAT GOS, AS GOVT OF
COUNTRY AFFECTED BY POSSIBLE HIATUS, IS ALSO TAKING STEPS
TO EXPRESS ITS CONCERN.

2. WE AGREE UNHCR HAS PROVIDED DEMONSTRABLE EVIDENCE OF
WORLD CONCERN ALTHOUGH IT HAS CERTAINLY NOT RPT NOT BEEN
SOLE VEHICLE FOR THAT CONCERN. A MAJOR CONTINUING DIFFI-
CULTY IN ASSESSING VALIDITY OF PLEAS BY JAMIESON FOR
ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS IS LARGE DISCREPANCY EXISTING
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BETWEEN REALITY AND FICTION OF UNHCR ROLE. FOR EXAMPLE, CONSTRUCTION 17 RECEPTION CENTERS NEAR BORDERS, OF DISPENSARIES IN 17 VILLAGES, SCHOOL IN FIVE VILLAGES PLUS NINE NUCLEUS VILLAGES IS NOT RPT NOT A UNHCR PROGRAM BUT INSTEAD A SUDAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES (SCC) PROGRAM SUPPORTED BY WCC. IN DESCRIBING RECEPTION CENTERS, HOWEVER, UNHCR REPORT OF FEBRUARY 9 REFERS VAGUELY TO THE COOPERATION OF UNNAMED VOLUNTARY AGENCIES BUT IMPLIES A LEADING ROLE BY UNHCR, WHOSE ONLY CONTRIBUTION OF WHICH WE ARE AWARE HAS BEEN AIRLIFTING SOME OF VOLAG BUILDING MATERIALS FROM

KHARTOUM AND MAKING AVAILABLE SOME OF POLYETHYLENE PURCHASED WITH USG CONTRIBUTION. SIMILARLY, THE VERY FAILURE OF UNHCR TO PERFORM COORDINATING ROLE IN RESPECT TO RELIEF OPERATIONS MAKES IT DIFFICULT TO KNOW HOW UNHCR PROGRAM FOR CONSTRUCTION OF HOSPITALS, DISPENSARIES AND SCHOOLS MESHES WITH SCC PROGRAM. IN VIEW UNHCR RELUCTANCE BECOME OPERATIONALLY INVOLVED, WE WONDER TO WHICH OPERATIONAL ENTITY UNHCR PLANS ENTRUST RESPONSIBILITY FOR THAT PROGRAM, TOGETHER WITH BUILDING MATERIALS ALREADY PURCHASED AT COST OF DOLLARS 441,200 AND TO BE PURCHASED WITH ADDITIONAL FUNDS BEING REQUESTED. WE ALSO WONDER WHO WILL MAN THE RECEPTION CENTERS WHEN UNHCR PUSHES THE REPATRIATION BUTTON.

3. WITHOUT DEROGATING IMPORTANCE SMOOTH TRANSITION BETWEEN UNHCR AND UNDP, WE ALSO BELIEVE IT IS NECESSARY TO RECOGNIZE THAT MOST IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF UNHCR PROGRAM, THE FEEDING PROGRAM CONDUCTED BY AMERICAN VOLAGS, WILL CONTINUE FOR ABOUT THREE MONTHS AFTER JUNE 30 TO RECEIVE AND DISTRIBUTE COMMODITIES SHIPPED BEFORE THAT DATE. THEREAFTER, PROGRAM MAY SHIFT TO SMALLER SCALE RECOMMENDED BY MISSION FOR FY 74 TO BE FINANCED EXCLUSIVELY BY A. I. D., IF AND WHEN APPROVED BY THAT AGENCY, WITHOUT FURTHER CASH GRANTS BY ORM. IN ABSENCE MECHANISM FOR COORDINATING RELIEF ACTIVITIES NOW BEING CONDUCTED, IT IS ALSO FAR FROM CLEAR THAT TERMINATION UNHCR ROLE WOULD SERIOUSLY AFFECT OPERATIONS SCC, LICROSS, AMERICAN VOLAGS AND OTHERS.

4. SUDANESE POUNDS FROM US- USE ACCOUNTS ARE NOT RPT NOT DEPT' S TO PROVIDE. WHETHER TREASURY WOULD RELEASE POUNDS FOR ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION TO UNHCR, PARTICULARLY IN
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